

Correspondence.

LOCUSTVILLE, ACCOMAC COUNTY,  
Virginia, March 10, 1864.

General B. F. Butler: SIR: My school has been closed since Christmas, because as I understood the oath required of us, I could not conscientiously take it. Having heard since then that one of your officers explains the oath as meaning, simply, that we consent to the acts of the United States Government, and pledge *passive obedience* to the same, I take the liberty of addressing this to you to ascertain if you so construe the oath. I cannot understand how a woman can "support, protect, and defend the Union," except by *speaking or writing* in favor of the present war, which I would never do, because by sympathies are with the South. If by those words you understand merely *passive submission*, I am ready to take the oath and abide by it sacredly.

Very respectfully  
MARY S. GRAVES.

HEADQUARTERS, 18TH ARMY CORPS,  
DEPT. OF VIRGINIA AND N. C.  
FORTRESS MONROE, March 14, 1864.

MY DEAR MADAM: I am truly sorry that any Union officer of mine has attempted to fritter away the effect of the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, and to inform you that it means nothing more than passive obedience to the same.

That officer is surely mistaken. The oath of allegiance means fealty, pledge of faith to, love, affection, and reverence for, the Government, all comprised in the word patriotism, in its highest and truest sense, which every true American feels for his or her Government.

You say, "I cannot understand how a woman can support, protect and defend the Union, except by speaking or writing in favor of the present war, which I could never do, because my sympathies are with the South."

The last phrase, madam, shows why you cannot understand "how a woman can support, protect, and defend the Union."

Were you loyal at heart you would at once understand. The Southern women who are rebels understand well "how to support, protect, and defend" the Confederacy, "without either speaking or writing." Some of them act as spies, some smuggle quinine in their underclothes, some smuggle information through the lines, in their dressess, some tend sick soldiers for the Confederacy, some get up subscriptions for rebel gunboats.

Perhaps it may all be comprised in the phrase, "Where there is a will there is a way."

Now, then, you could "support, protect, and defend the Union," by teaching the scholars of your school to love and reverence the Government, to be proud of their country, to glory in its flag, and to be true to its Constitution. But, as you don't understand that yourself, you can't teach it to them, and, therefore, I am glad to learn from your letter that your school has been closed since Christmas, and with my consent, until you change your sentiments and are a loyal woman in heart, it never shall be opened.

I would advise you, madam, forwith to go where your "sympathies" are. I am only doubtful whether it is not my duty to send you.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
your obedient servant, B. F. BUTLER,  
Major General Commanding.  
To Mrs. MARY L. GRAVES, Locustville Accomac county, Virginia.

Mrs. Boone, the wife of the Rev. Bishop Boone, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in China, died at Suez, while on her way to this country for the benefit of her health. She was buried at Suez, the service of the Church being read by the British Consul. Mrs. Boone was a native of South Carolina.

Rev. Robert Whinna has been re-appointed to the Alexandria Station, by the Methodist Protestant Conference sitting in Baltimore.

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